

I TIMOTHY

Chapter 1 Bible Study

Day 2 (Week 10)

Greetings from Paul

¹ This letter is from Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus, appointed by the command of God our Savior and Christ Jesus, who gives us hope. ² I am writing to Timothy, my true son in the faith. May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.

Warnings against False Teachings

³ When I left for Macedonia, I urged you to stay there in Ephesus and stop those whose teaching is contrary to the truth. ⁴ Don't let them waste their time in endless discussion of myths and spiritual pedigrees. These things only lead to meaningless speculations, which don't help people live a life of faith in God.

⁵ The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith. ⁶ But some people have missed this whole point. They have turned away from these things and spend their time in meaningless discussions. ⁷ They want to be known as teachers of the law of Moses, but they don't know what they are talking about, even though they speak so confidently.

⁸ We know that the law is good when used correctly. ⁹ For the law was not intended for people who do what is right. It is for people who are lawless and rebellious, who are ungodly and sinful, who consider nothing sacred and defile what is holy, who kill their father or mother or commit other murders. ¹⁰ The law is for people who are sexually immoral, or who practice homosexuality, or are slave traders, liars, promise breakers, or who do anything else that contradicts the wholesome teaching ¹¹ that comes from the glorious Good News entrusted to me by our blessed God.

Paul's Gratitude for God's Mercy

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him, ¹³ even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all. ¹⁶ But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and

receive eternal life.¹⁷ All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen.

Timothy's Responsibility

¹⁸ Timothy, my son, here are my instructions for you, based on the prophetic words spoken about you earlier. May they help you fight well in the Lord's battles. ¹⁹ Cling to your faith in Christ, and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked. ²⁰ Hymenaeus and Alexander are two examples. I threw them out and handed them over to Satan so they might learn not to blaspheme God.

Questions

1. Who wrote 1 Timothy, and who did he write it to? (V1,2) _____
2. What did Paul ask Timothy to stop? (V3) _____
3. What was the purpose of Paul's instruction? (V5) _____

4. What did the false teachers want to be known for? (V7) _____

5. Who was the Law "not for"? (V9) _____
6. Who was the Law intended for? (V10) _____

7. What did Paul used to do, and why did God have mercy on him? (V13) _____

8. Why did Jesus Christ come into the world? (V15) _____

9. Why did God have mercy on Paul, and what did he hope that people would realize? (V16) _____

10. What did Paul hope his instructions would do for Timothy? (V18-19) _____

Reflection/Application: What is the one thing that really stood out to you, and how can you apply it to your life? _____

Prayer Guide: Based upon the second part of the Lord's Prayer (*May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven*), Pray for God's will (His plan and His ways) to be done in your life, and in the life of those around you.

Answer Key

1. Paul wrote 1 Timothy, it was written to Timothy.
2. Paul asked Timothy to stop those that were teaching contrary to the truth.
3. That believers would be filled with love, from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.
4. Being teachers of the Law of Moses.
5. The Law was not intended for those who do what is right.
6. The Law was intended for people who do what is contrary to Biblical Teaching.
7. Paul used to persecute Christ's People, but god had mercy on him because he did it in ignorance and unbelief.
8. Jesus Christ came into the world to Save Sinners.
9. God had mercy so that Christ could use him as an example of His great patience. He hoped that others would realize that they too can believe in Him and receive eternal life.
10. Paul hoped his instructions would help him 1) Fight well in the Lord's Battles, 2) Cling to your faith, 3) Keep your conscience clear.